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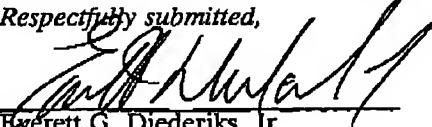
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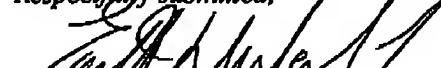
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## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004 issued in the above-identified U.S. patent application. In view of the following remarks and amendments to the claims, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.